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Applicants : Masanori Takahashi et al.
App. No : 10/714,759
Filed : November 17, 2003
For : AIR INTAKE DEVICE FOR ENGINE
Examiner : John Kwon
Art Unit : 3747

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application are the following enclosures:

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement dated February 8, 2005, Applicants elect Group II (Claims 9-20) for prosecution in the present application.

The present election is being made with traverse. Applicants submit that it is well established that:

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without **serious burden**, the examiner **must** examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions.

M.P.E.P. § 803 (emphasis added).

The non-elected Group is directed to a throttle body for an engine and the elected Group is drawn to an engine with an air metering device (such as the throttle body of Claim 1). A proper search for art related to the elected Group would necessarily include the classes and subclasses relevant to a search for the non-elected Group. Thus, examination of all the claims would not present "a serious burden" on the Examiner.

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Applicants therefore respectfully request that the present restriction requirement be withdrawn.

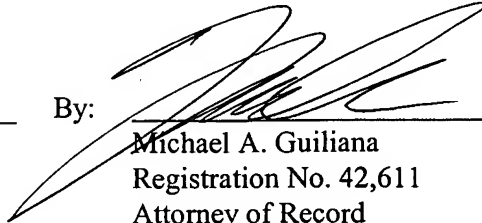
Respectfully submitted,

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